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The attached letter has been received by DSRL from John Finnie MSP regarding return of vitrified waste to Australia. DSRL have queried whether the response should come from DSRL using the briefing provided to the Cabinet Secretary, whether the NDA should respond, again using the attached, or some other approach. There is a view that because this is a substitution, and the material will not be transferred from Dounreay, that perhaps they should not get involved other than to send a polite letter back referring Mr Finnie to NDA, and that we respond. I would really appreciate your view on this before doing anything further.

Kind regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 December 2017 09:44

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] Letter from John Finnie MSP

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This is an issue that Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham raised with Tom Smith when they met during the summer. It will be for others to decide who should respond but in the meantime please find attached a briefing note that we provided to Scottish and UK governments for their use.

For us all, we need to keep this small amount of waste in perspective. It is part of a bigger issue that the Australian government is facing in what to do with its larger inventory of radioactive waste. They are, like RWM will be soon, engaged in a siting process and have met with substantial opposition from the indigenous people at one of the potential sites. It has become an ethical issue in Australia attracting a fair amount of media attention. What we have to be careful to prevent is this relatively small amount waste becoming a totem of their opposition to the siting.

I have copied in [REDACTED] for any views he may have.

I hope this helps,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 December 2017 16:05

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Letter from John Finnie MSP

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Hi both

See attached a letter received today from John Finnie.

I would guess this follows a tweet we saw from [REDACTED] to John Finnie last week attempting to raise this issue.

I know NDA has previously led on engagement with Scottish Government and others on waste substitution issues, so wonder if it is more appropriate for NDA to lead on a response?

Any thoughts?

Thanks

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